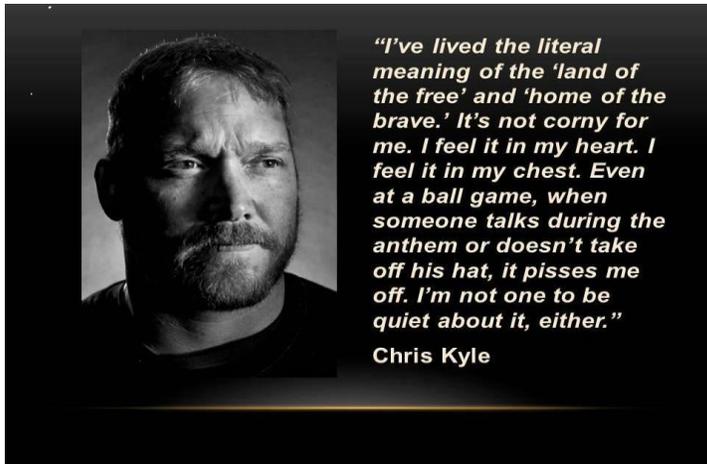




Judge Won't Dismiss Ventura American Sniper Suit

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ST. PAUL, Minn. — A judge on Wednesday allowed former Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura's defamation lawsuit against the widow of slain "American Sniper" author Chris Kyle to go to trial. U.S. District Judge Richard Kyle denied a motion by Chris Kyle's widow to dismiss the suit. The judge is not related to Chris Kyle, a former Navy SEAL who was killed last year at a Texas gun range.



"I've lived the literal meaning of the 'land of the free' and 'home of the brave.' It's not corny for me. I feel it in my heart. I feel it in my chest. Even at a ball game, when someone talks during the anthem or doesn't take off his hat, it pisses me off. I'm not one to be quiet about it, either."

Chris Kyle

Ventura alleges Chris Kyle, considered to be the deadliest sniper in American history, defamed him in his best-selling book. In it, Kyle claimed he punched someone named "Scruff Face," whom he later identified as Ventura, in a 2006 bar fight. Ventura says the fight never happened. "It's never been about money. It's about clearing my name. It's a lie," Ventura told The Associated Press in an interview last month. The former SEAL said Ventura bad-mouthed and degraded the U.S. military in front of a group of SEALs. Kyle's accusation, if true, is all the more egregious considering the fact that the SEALs had converged on that

particular spot to commemorate the loss of a comrade who died throwing himself on a grenade.

The judge wrote Ventura has offered enough evidence that a jury could conclude Chris Kyle's statements were "materially false." Ventura also has presented enough evidence "to create a genuine issue of fact as to whether Kyle knowingly or recklessly published false statements about him," the judge wrote, saying Ventura's defamation claim will be left to a jury to resolve. Ventura's attorney, David Bradly Olsen, said Wednesday afternoon that he had not talked to Ventura yet. "Obviously we're pleased by the decision and we think the judge got it correct. We've been saying from the beginning that this case should be decided by a jury, and the judge agreed with us," Olsen said. He expects a trial to be scheduled in June. The former WWE pro wrestler's lawyer added: Because Kyle's accusation survives his death, "it would be unjust to permit the estate to continue to profit from Kyle's wrongful conduct and to leave Governor Ventura without redress for ongoing damage to his reputation."

Chris Kyle and a friend were murdered in February 2013; an Iraq war former marine suffering from PTSD whom Kyle was trying to help is accused in the killings. Earlier, another federal judge allowed Ventura's lawsuit to proceed with Kyle's widow, Taya Kyle, as the defendant. An attorney for Taya Kyle had no immediate reaction to the ruling Wednesday. "Continuing this action will serve no useful purpose," wrote Kyle's attorney, "and likely will promote public perception of Jesse Ventura as someone who has little or no regard for the feelings and welfare of surviving family members of deceased war heroes."

According to information obtained from Department of Defense Records coupled with his bestselling autobiography *American Sniper*, Kyle served four tours in the second Iraq conflict and was awarded the 4th highest commendation awarded for acts of heroism, acts of merit, and/or meritorious service in a combat zone. He holds two Silver Stars, five bronze stars with valor, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and one Marine Corps Commendation. He was also awarded the Grateful Nation Award by the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs. Iraqi insurgents dubbed him the "Devil of Ramadi" and offered a bounty for his head. He was shot twice, and was involved in six IED attacks.

VIDEO INTERVIEWS

Fox News Interview with Chris Kyle <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UWe0w-43tnY> (5:40)

CNN Jesse Ventura Interview <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-LMXhxRtjU> (10:35 - 12:39)

TIME Magazine Interview with Chris Kyle <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJ12PN81xnI> (6:01)

1. In appropriate paragraph form, compare and contrast the pros and cons synonymous with Ventura's ongoing defamation of character lawsuit against Taya, the grieving widow of legendary American Sniper Chris Kyle. Taking into consideration the fact that both gentlemen once served their nation honorable as United States Navy SEALs, are you more inclined to align your beliefs with Kyle or Ventura? Thoroughly explain your reasoning and provide specific artifacts and evidence *not* limited solely to article above to support your response. Create and illustrate a Venn Diagram to effectively explore relationships and patterns and to make arguments about relationships between sets. (LA.910.3.2.2; LA.910.1.6.2; MA.912.D.7.2; MA.912.A.10.1)

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2. In 2008, outside Sadr City, Kyle made his longest successful shot, after he spotted an insurgent armed with a rocket launcher near a US Army convoy at a range of 2,100 yards. Expert sharpshooters were tasked with determining the slope between the two points in order to replicate the shot under comparable conditions. Illustrate a coordinate grid over a diagram between the two points, containing a straight line between the two points to find the slope. Write the equation in slope-intercept form. Identify the slope and y-intercept. Transform the equation to standard form. Design a table, which includes a domain, range, and function rule. Graph the results. Identify the rate of change and the type of correlation present. Is the equation a direct variation? Find the constant of the variation. Identify the domain and range of each relation. Identify the dependent and independent variables. Create a mapping diagram, and determine whether a function exists via the Vertical-Line Test. Use dimensional or unit analysis to perform conversions between units of measure and identify the length of the shot in miles and feet. **(MA.912.A.1.5; MA.912.A.3.7 – MA.912.A.3.13; MA.912.A.1.4; MA.912.A.2.13; MA.912.A.2.2 – MA.912.A.2.4)**
3. An elite squad of intense special operations personnel ambitiously embarked upon the unforgiving rugged terrain outlining the mountainous Afghanistan skyline. They possess a single 22-pound case of MREs, which for all practical purposes is composed almost entirely of eatable items. Their daily rations allow for a total of 3 pounds of food per day. Write an equation in slope intercept form relating the remaining supplies r to the number of days d . Graph your equation. The final operation of the excursion will conclude with a festive event where they consume the remaining freeze-dried rations. Use the graph to determine the number of days they anticipate the expedition to last. **(MA.912.A.3.8 – MA.912.A.3.11)**
4. It has become increasingly evident to ensure a safe and orderly evacuation from the pinnacle of a jagged Afghanistan mountaintop, two additional exit strategies must be established forthwith, one parallel to the traditional plan and the other perpendicular. The equation of the line representing the existing plan is $y = 2/3x - 7/8$. Identify the equations of the lines representing the new routes. **(MA.912.A.3.10 – MA.912.A.3.11)**
5. The Central Intelligence Agency World Factbook states, "Afghanistan is a landlocked and mountainous country that is usually designated as being located in South Asia." The Hindu Kush mountain range reaches a height of 7,492 m or 24,580 ft at Nohaq, Afghanistan's highest peak. Concealed from neighboring enemy insurgents, Kyle kneels 100 feet from an overhang so that his shadow coincides with that of the terrain feature. Kyle is 6'2" and his shadow is 10 feet long. How tall is the overhang? Illustrate the diagram. Employ the triangle proportionality theorem as well as its converse to solve. **(MA.912.G.4.6)**
6. While engaging in night patrols embedded deep behind enemy lines, maintaining appropriate noise and light discipline are paramount and ultimately endangers lives when not strictly enforced. In the exceedingly rare occurrence that a SEAL cast light upon a fellow warrior, it casts a shadow on the terrain behind him. The shadow is an enlargement and 10 feet tall. The warrior stands 6'6". Identify the scale factor of the enlargement. **(MA.912.G.2.4)**
7. The aforementioned second inquiry creates a right triangle. Using the Pythagorean Theorem, find the length of the hypotenuse of the given right triangle and determine if a Pythagorean Triple exists. Identify the formulas as well as specifically what information one may derive from obtaining the following measurements via the following trigonometric ratios when applied to the sculpture: tangent, sine, and cosine. Explain your reasoning and determine whether the solution(s) is reasonable in the context of the original situation. **(MA.912.G.5.1; MA.912.G.5.4; MA.912.T.2.1)**
8. Using contextual clues only, determine the most complete and accurate definitions of following italicized terms: *insurgents, meritorious, defamation, alleges, defamed, egregious, commemorate, converged, accusations, degraded, redress, unjust, defamation, deceased, and PTSD* as obtained from the passage above. Additionally, use each word in a complete sentence to demonstrate further comprehension. **(LA.910.1.6.3; LA.910.1.6.1)**
9. Identify and thoroughly support your reasoning regarding which of the following that best describes the author's attitude toward the continuance of the lawsuit beyond the death of the original culprit: flippant disregard, mild frustration, passive resignation or an informed citizen. Explain the intended purpose of this article and identify any indicators or supporting evidence, which suggest the author may possess a bias for or against either man involved. Provide an inference wounded warriors and their families may derive from this material. The point of view employed throughout the passage is best described as first person, second person, third person, or a combination of first and third person. Explain specifically how the image above contributes to the validity of the aforementioned passage. **(RI.9-10.1 – 10.6)**
10. **SARASOTA MILITARY ACADEMY WORD-OF-THE-WEEK** Provided the fact that the passage is incomplete, create an updated concluding paragraph aligned with the passage above incorporating the italicized term: *Queue* v. To form or to wait in line. **(LA.910.1.6.1; LA.910.1.6.5)**

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